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SURVEYS UNDER WAY FOR COUNTY LOW-LEVEL TUNNEL

Authorities Complete Preliminary Plans for New Bore

Appreciable progress is being made in the engineering work preliminary to the construction of the publicly owned low-level tunnel through Contra Costa hills, which will make a direct short-cut to Oakland and bay cities from Saint Mary's, according to Supervisor Redmond C. Staats of Berkeley, chairman of the bi-county joint tunnel district which is to finance the project.

The engineering forces of both counties, Alameda and Contra Costa, are engaged in preparing a report which will be forthcoming soon on surveys made at the site of the proposed tunnel at the head of Broadway in Oakland. Until this report is ready the directors of the tunnel district cannot proceed.

State Aid Asked.

A representative of the office of Bert B. Meek, state director of public works, will meet with the surveyors of the two counties shortly to go over with them the findings thus far made. The counties have asked state aid in building the tunnel and Meek has expressed a willingness to offer whatever assistance his office is in a position to give.

Benefit Students.

Perhaps there is none who feel more keenly the benefit that could be derived from this new tunnel when completed, than the Saint Mary's students who drive daily from the bay cities south of the college. At least fifteen minutes could be cut from the time now needed to come from Oakland to the school, by use of the new planned route. More important still than the time saved, would be the ability to avoid the hazardous climb and the dangerous curves of the present tunnel road, which call for their yearly per cent of victims.

LIGHTS PLACED IN OLD TUNNEL

Students coming to school via motor and using the inter-county tunnel will presently enjoy a 400 per cent increase of light. New and modern lights have been installed and have been officially turned on, following the completion of a few minor details. As an additional benefit a coat of whitewash has been spread and serves as an efficient reflector.

Bore Strengthened.

The feeling of unsafety or any other apprehension of danger that motorists have felt while passing through, may be dispensed with because new and repaired timbers now strengthen the entire length of the bore.

Costs Born.

The cost of the repairs was borne by Contra Costa County and the city of Oakland. Forty five per cent of the tunnel lies within the limits of that city.

"Gael" Engravers Visit Saint Campus

Mr. Doggee and Mr. Smith, representatives of the Oakland National Engraving Company, engravers of the Gael Annual, were visitors to the school last Friday afternoon. They were introduced by Bernard Dobbins to the new business-manager, Wm. Hayes, and to Ed Greaves, art editor of the Gael. Mr. Doggee criticised the drawings executed by Ed Greaves for the Gael and found them very acceptable. He had a few suggestions to make from the point of view of the engraver. The color scheme to be used in the book and the type of paper were also subjects of discussion.

Mr. Smithincidentally, was editor of the California Blue and Gold, two years ago.

Date Set For Cottle Contest; Many Students Interested

The Oratorical Contest for the Cottle Medal is to take place this year in the Arts and Letters Building on the evening of April 18. This contest has become one of the highlights of the Saint Mary's scholastic year and awakens a great amount of interest, particularly among the Arts and Letters students.

The Cottle Oratorical Medal is a gift of the late Rev. John E. Cottle, a graduate of Saint Mary's with the class of 1877. The purpose of the award is to stimulate and increase among the students of Saint Mary's, an interest in debating and oratory.

Open to All Students.

The contest is open to all the regular students of the College. The contestants must present to the faculty advisor an essay upon the subject of their talk. This essay must be presented at least one week before the date of the contest. The date being set for this year's contest is April 10.

All essays must be written by the students themselves and upon a subject which has not been used in any previous contest. They must be approved by the faculty advisor who will assist the students in preparing their talks.

The Medal is awarded by the faculty after a public competition in which three judges selected by the faculty choose a winner. The points upon which the talks are judged are: the material and the way the subject has been covered; delivery, ennunciation, the use of gestures and the ability of the speaker to complete his talk without the aid of prompters.

Won By Faculty Members

In the past the contest has succeeded in attracting considerable attention and in the old college gymnasium large numbers of alumni, members of faculties of other institutions and outsiders have witnessed the contests.

Among those who have succeeded in winning this coveted prize are Professor Hagerty and Mr. Woerner of the college faculty and Sheriff Fitzgerald of San Francisco. The prize was won last year by Edwin Regan, a senior in the school of Arts and Letters.

DEBATERS MEET FOR FIRST TIME

In an effort to renew its reputation of the former semester, the Debating Club will convene for active duty, once more next week.

Under the leadership of Harry Bertain, and the sponsorship of Rev. Father Bowling, the organization, during the past semester, staged six fiery and argumentative debates, while the members were at the same time carefully instructed in the fine parts of the art.

Club Growing.

In the five months that lie before it, the club intends to show bigger and better results. The interest of more upper-class men and teachers is being solicited and very strenous efforts are being expended in an effort to obtain a varsity coach. Several promising offers from prominent colleges and universities are already awaiting reply and it only remains for the rest of the school to show its interest in such an organization by encouraging and joining the club.

Italian Class Meets for First Time This Year

In spite of the fact that Brother Ralph announced that students taking Italian this term should not expect to receive credit for their work, none of the students who turned out for the first class were discouraged enough to be led into dropping the course, thus proving that their interest in that language is genuine. This little group of students have disapproved the commonly accepted theory that young men at college are bent on acquiring units, and that they make the acquiring of knowledge a secondary incident.

Garaventa Makes Promise.

In view of the fact that such an interest is being taken in the study of Italian, Professor Garaventa promised the students that he would do all in his power next term to see that the course is continued, and with the combined power of Professor Garaventa and such a determined group, it will take a list of objections which would extend from San Francisco to New York to prevent its being given next term.

A statue of Cyrus the Great, dating from the fifth century B.C., has been dug up in Persia. Some of these ancients knew how to deal with their public statues.—London Punch.

They are all politicians while they are alive; and after they doe, most of them are nothing at all, and the rest are statesmen.

SOPHOMORES PLAN CLASS FORMAL

Since the opening of school this semester, it has been rumored about the campus that the Sophomores may give a formal dance in the near future. Plans are being discussed for such an event and nearly all the Sophomores seem to be in favor of it.

Judging by the success of the Freshman-Welcome dance it is sincerely hoped by the entire student body that such a dance will be given. The Sophomore Class seems to have had monkey-glands inserted this year, and has taken on a new lease in life, so this social may prove to be one of the best affairs given in many moons.

Joe Connolly, the class president, has proven his worth as a capable administrator and at the next class meeting he will propose the event. The date is not known, but it is supposed that it will be after Lent and the place is as yet undecided but it is thought that it will be either held at some hotel in Oakland, or else at a country club.

Plans for Annual Play Discussed by Faculty

As soon as an auditorium can be secured for the production of the school play, which is an annual affair at Saint Mary's, preparations will be in order and parts will be assigned. Because the College, at the present time, lacks suitable facilities for the presentation of any dramatic offering, progress along theatrical lines has been somewhat hindered. No definite statements concerning the production have been forthcoming, but it has been stated by "those who know" that the plays, "Ecce Homo" and "The Three of Kerioth," produced a few years ago, met with such phenomenal success, that the year of 1929 will not pass without the dramatists of Saint Mary's presenting a play.

Art Club Meets

The main business confronting the members of the newly organized Art Society at the first meeting, held Friday noon in the Science Building, was that of drawing up a constitution.

The Club, under the leadership of Brother Cornelius, who was unanimously elected as Moderator, has planned many trips to various art centers in the vicinity, for the coming term.

Officers elected, other than Brother Cornelius, were Mr. Mullany, prseident; Mr. Dennis, secretary, and Mr. Locke, treasurer.

All students interested are invited to attend the meetings of the Society and will be invited to make trips with the members.

WEATHER HALTS TENNIS COURT CONSTRUCTION

Courts to Be Built on West Side of West Dorm in Near Future

Due to the fact that winter has been with us for the last two months, and the shortage of time in which to complete necessary work about the campus, the work on the tennis courts has been set aside for a short while.

The tennis courts are to be built on the west side of the west dormitory, and on the east side of the east dormitory. The ground has been leveled off for some time, and men are now at work laying a pipe line for drainage purposes. After these pipes are laid, work may continue on the leveling the ground and measuring off the courts. The baseball fields are to be worked upon as soon as possible, and upon their completion, work will immediately begin on the tennis courts.

There are to be six individual courts in each group, thereby giving all the students an opportunity to play whenever they wish. The courts are to be completed by the first of next April, thus assuring the seniors that they will be able to use them before leaving Saint Mary's College.

The filling in of the garden plots on the campus has been going along nicely for the last week and soon the planting of shrubs and lawns will begin. If the weather conditions remain favorable in the near future, work will be carried on with greater speed and accuracy.

STUDENTS SWAMP DEV'S AT NOON

Boarders who go into Oakland or San Francisco on Saturday or Sunday in order to get a few laughs in popular theatres, could save their train fare, the price of a show, and enjoy a limitless number of hearty laughs by witnessing the scene which is enacted daily at Dev's Co-op from 12:00 to 12:30.

We know that Dev's has always been a popular filling station for Saint Mary's students, in fact this place has become so popular that at noon you cannot get within ten feet of his counter. Exactly thirty seconds after the noon bell rings, the "ten-flat" men start pouring in, followed by a second and third heat of slower men, who in turn precede our "Crutch Squad" which is headed by Al Giampaoli and Joe Connolly. (Al hurt his foot in the football game between the Saint Mary's and the Stanford Freshmen last year. Joe chipped his toe so that he would have an excuse for getting to his classes late).

The Fun Begins.

Well, by the time the slower men reach the counter, about eight of the 237 have been waited on by Dev and his two able assistants; this leaves only 299 more to be served. Of the remaining number, those who have the toughest elbows and the loudest voices, squeeze and squirm their way through, make themselves heard, pay their thin dime, and back out through the crowd holding maybe a sandwich and a piece of pie in one hand, and a cup of coffee in the other. Those who are extremely fortunate, and are capable pilots, often emrege with half a cup of coffee at the most. The less fortunate come through with barely enough to wet their parched lips.

Suggestions Made.

Several suggestions have been offered to remedy the situation. Two of the most practical are: to have the students form a line; to increase the working crew at the counter. A third suggestion made was that the countre be enlarged, but nothing definite has been decided upon as yet, so if you have some suggestion which you think would help relieve the situation, send it in to The Collegian. A practical suggestion will be greatly appreciated by both Dev and his cash customers.

Gael Business Staff Convenes

A meeting of the editorial and business staffs of the Gael Annual was held in the Annual office in the Science Building last Thursday. Final dates were set for the submission of copy. This year Ted Malianni is writing up the activities of the school, Jack Dewan, classes, and Charley Shields, organizations. Essays for the literary section are being collected by the editor.

Plans were laid for the publicity campaign. Len Thomas, manager of publicity, is planning a comprehensive as well as unique campaign to advertise the 1929 Gael.

JUNIORS ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF GAEL MANAGER

William Hayes Succeeds to Post Vacated by Clarence Hamilton

At the last meeting of the Junior Class on Friday, January 10, Clarence Hamilton's resignation as business-manager of the 1929 Gael Annual was accepted and Wm. Hayes elected to succeed him. Clarence Hamilton is a pitcher on the Phoenix, earning a letter last year while only a Sophomore. Baseball practice started last Friday; on top of that the team must play four games a week throughout most of the season. In the belief that he could not be both varsity pitcher and business-manager, Clarence Hamilton submitted his resignation; it was with regret the class accepted it and in gratitude for the work he had already done gave him a rising vote of thanks.

Wm. Hayes, at present advertising manager of the Gael, was the unanimous choice of the class for the vacated position. Bill is a graduate of Saint Mary's High School; during his attendance at college he has been prominent in the activities of his class and his plump, cheerful countenance is well known about the school. Though new to the position, he is being coached by Brother Virgil in its duties. The class feels confident he wil be entirely successful.

ALUMNI OF SAC'TO ORGANIZE UNIT

Friday, December 28, a group of former students at the Christian Brothers School in Sacramento organized an active alumni organization. This was the result of a previous meeting to determine whether or not such an body should be projected. At this former meeting, held in November, there were many prominent speakers, including Brother Lewis, President of Saint Mary's College, Brother George, a former director at Sacramento and Brother Nicholas, the present director.

The second meeting sow the election of officials for the new society and the activities of the organization started rolling with a zest and spirit that comes only from Brothers' boys.

Officers Elected.

The men elected were: President, J. A. Remick, ex. '31 and now a student at the Sacramento Junior College; Vice-President, H. Rolfing, a prominent business man in Sacramento; Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Dahms, a young man very actively interested in the welfare of the school; Athletic Manager, Morvin Nevis, a popular sportsman and business man at Sacramento.

Following the election, a spirited talk was given by Brother Austin in which he expressed the hoep that the organization might be permanent and that enthusiasm with which it was started off, might never fade out. Many events are to be undertaken in the near future and a big drive for membership is under way.

ATHLETIC BOARD DEFENDS USE OF NEW COLOR

Innovation in Uniforms for Basketball Team Upheld by Head Coach

"The Wearing of the Green," has a practical application at the New Saint Mary's this year, for the basketball team at least, for the red and blue jersey of yester years has given way to the bright red and green upper to be used by the team in all future games. The sweat shirts, however, will be of red and blue, the only part of the uniform bearing the school colors.

Reasons for Change.

According to reports from the Athletic Officer the change from the traditional colors to the new is for a two-fold purpose. First, the green jersey with the bright red number makes a better mark on the court. It is much easier for a Saint Mary's layer to distinguish between his teammate and his opponent. Secondly, the object was to get a color different from that adopted by other teams. A great many squads with which the Gaels have scheduled games, wear uniforms having either red or blue uppers.

Color of Jerseys Not Traditional

It has not been the custom in the past for Saint Mary's teams to wear the traditional colors. The football team, in all its games, save one, wears blue jerseys with white numbers. This one exception is the California game, at which time the jersey is white with blue numbers. In all probability if the football team would adopt the school colors and make it a custom to wear them during every game, the basketball team would follow the example.

Change Came as Surprise.

The first opportunity the student body had to see the team in action was on the Stanford court, at which time the Gaels made their debut in their new raiment. Various reasons for the change were offered by the students who were obviously surprised at seeing such a radical departure from the colors of the school. Some of the reasons were: the Coach is Irish, the green jerseys were cheaper than blue, the colors were apropriate for Christmas, and the team wanted a change. One suggestion was that green being symbolic of hope, was very appropriate for the basketball season. However, from the concensus of opinion among the students, everyone is satisfied with the explanation of the Athletic Board, and the team continues to work just as hard as if they were wearing the good old Red and Blue.

Former Cage Captain Announces Marriage

Sig Lein's big moment came—as big moments do—and last June he was married to Alice Agler at Yuma, Arizona. The bride has been a teacher in San Francisco. She resigned her position in order that they might move to Ventura, California, where they have made their home.

Sig is employed in the oil fields there and is coach of a basket-ball team. Insofar as he decided to keep his marriage a secret until the termination of his scholastic duties, it has come as quite a surprise.

Has Enviable Record.

His enviable athletic record will stand long in the memory of the students. Mor three years he was a member of the varsity football team and his ability at end was widely recognized. But in basket ball he was still better. He came in just before the freshman ruling and made the varsity his first year. In recognition of his skill at guard he was made captain-elect at the end of his Sophomore year and was re-elected last year. Had he remained he would have made it four consecutive years of varsity playing.

APPEAL MADE FOR ALUMNI PAYMENTS

In September, 1927, the General Alumni Association at a meeting held in San Francisco, inaugurated a system of annual alumni dues; the revenue from the collection of these dues to be used in the maintenance of an alumni office. Since that time a large number of alumni, realizing the necessity of financial support have paid their alumni dues, but far too many have ignored the appeal altogether.

The alumni dues are based on a sliding scale. Upon graduation the dues are $1.00 per year; one year after graduation, the dues are $2.00 per year; two years after graduation, $3.00 per year; three years after graduation, $4.00 per year and a flat rate of $5.00 per year for alumni who have been out of college four years or more. Both graduates and non-graduates are eligible to membership. The life membership in the Alumni Association is $100.00.

In payment of his alumni dues, the individual alumnus not only becomes a supporter of the Alumni Association, but he also receives a weekly copy of "The Collegian." Mr. Alumnus, a good, even though somewhat belated New Year's resolution is to resolve to send a check for your alumni dues.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR HOMECOMING

The first annual Homecoming Day of the General Alumni Association to be held at the New College will take place on Sunday, February 24. This is the Sunday closest to Washington's Birthday, which is the day the alumni have set aside for this yearly event. President William J. Fitzgerald has appointed Edward McGlade '16 of San Francisco as general chairman of the Homecoming Day Committee. Homecoming Day has grown to be one of the biggest events on the alumni calendar and this year's event promises to overshadow the Homecoming Day of last year, which was the final gathering at the "Old Brick Pile."

Annual Communion to Feature

The first and most important event on the Homecoming Day program will be the second annual Communion of the Alumni Association. Last year under the direction of Supervisor Sylvester N. Andriano '11, the idea of an annual Communion for the alumni, as a body, was inaugurated. It was successful far beyond expectations. Alumni made the early morning trip to Oakland from such distant points as Sacramenta, Watsonville, Le Grande, San Rafael, Vallejo, Chico, Auburn and Sebastopol. Father James P. Towey, G. S. P. of the class of 1902 was the celebrant of the mass at last year's communion. President Fitzgerald has appointed Frank E. Michel '00 of Sacramento as chairman of the Annual Communion Committee. Michael is a director of the Alumni Association and is Past State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus of the California jurisdiction. Following the communion mass, the alumni will be guests of Brother Lewis at breakfast in the college dining room.

Punting Contest.

In the afternoon, the second annual punting contest for the James M. Smith '10 perpetual trophy, will be held. Last year the contest was won by Fred Stennett. Following the punting contest the Varsity Alumni baseball game will be held. "Kelly" Wales will again have charge of the alumni team. He will select his team from such former Phoenix stars as Larry Bettencourt, Lon Dondero, Harry Hooper, Walter Hails, Harry Krause, Joe Oeschger, Ted Brandon, Bob Hadley, Louis Guisto, Sid Snow, Jim Riordan, Eddie Hallinan, "Curley" Gardiner, Al Westlake, "Ducky" Grant, Tom Kelley, Clem Rooney, "Bookie" Harrington, "Lefty" Biggs, Pete Scott, "Norb" Paynter and the Kardoza twins.

The closing event on the program will be the annual Homecoming Day Dinner which will be held in the college dining room. Speakers for the dinner have not yet been chosen.

American Alumni Council May Meet at Saint Mary's

Plans Made to Secure National Convention by Alumni Secretary Here

Saint Mary's will be the host of the American Alumni Council in 1930, if the plans of Timothy J. Canty '23, Secretary of the Saint Mary's Alumni Association, are completed. As a representative of the College at the Third Annual Conference of District Nine of the American Alumni Council, to be held at the University of California in Los Angeles on January 19, Secretary Canty, will bring the suggestion before the meeting. It is highly possible that the invitation extended by Saint Mary's will be accepted by the committee in charge.

The Conference will be open at 9:30 afl hfl on January 19, with Chairman Frank L. Hadlock, Director of District 9, presidinf. The Honor Guest will be John D. McKee, Director of Regional Conferences, American Alumni Council. Lectures by Robert Sibley of the University of California, Jack McDowell of Stanford, Miss Margaret Maple of Pomona College, Louis Stonaker of the University of r9izona and A. R. Johnson of Mrigham Young University, will be given during the day.

John K. Neff '23.

John K. Neff '23 is following the profession as a Civil Engineer in Charlotte, North Carolina. Since graduation from Saint Mary's, Neff has spent practically all of his time in the Middle West and in the South. He is a former resident of Concord, Contra Costa County.

Lea Mahoney '19.

One of the most active members of the Young Men's Institute in the Eastbay District is Leo Mahoney '19 of Oakland. Mahoney halds the office of Grand Director of the order. He is employed as an accountant with James Moulihan, Inc., advertising experts of Oakland.

There is considerable drudgery at the beginning of every study, of every state of life, and of every notable change of fortune: none may escape the novitiate of labor.—Detroit Free Press.

The theory that it is never too late to mend, influences a lot of us to coddle our bad habits.

MORE AIR BEACONS INSTALLED NEAR NEW SAINT MARY'S

Four Standard Oil Company Air Beacons Illuminate Pacific Skyway

Perched on the very peak of Mount Diable is an aviation beacon looking not unlike a huge oil derrick with a 10,000,000 candlepower revolving electric light on its top.

This beacon, along with four others of the same type, installed by the Standard Oil Company of California, form the "key" lights in a chain of beacons that illuminate the Pacific skyway at night from Southern California to Seattle.

Light 4000 Feet Above Sea Level

The Standard Diablo, as the light is known, is said to be one of the most useful air beacons in the world. Because of the height of the mountain, it is as though the light were on a tower 4000 feet high.

Airmen have reported seeing the "SD" 150 miles away on a clear night. On foggy nights, by flying above the fog, the light appears before them, an ever-alert sentinel warning of the mountainous country in the vicinity.

Require Little Attention

The beacons, which make six revolutions a minute, require little or no personal attention, as they are operated by "robots," or electrical servants, that make them strictly automatic. One of these "robots" is a lamp-changer which contains two lamps. When one lamp, which will last for about sixty days, burns out, it is mechanically replaced by the changer.

The other "robot" is an astronomical time switch that turns the light on or off, earlier or later, as the case may be, each day with the changing of dawn and dusk.

Other Beacons Erected

Beside the one at Mount Diablo, the Standard Oil Company has erected beacons at Los Angeles and near San Diego, in California, Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash.

Each beacon has two code letters on it so that the aviator may know his whereabouts. These letters measure from five to twelve feet in height and are illuminated by neon lights, being visible for a great distance.

Former Chaplain Addresses A. P. G. U.

The members of the A. P. G. U. were extremely fortunate in securing as a guest speaker for their last Dictator's meeting, the former chaplain, Father Turco. Having just returned from a trip to Europe, it was but natural that Father Turco would relate some of his experiences and impressions while in the Old World.

Father Turco, very interestingly related many incidents of his tour, from the time he left California, landed in Spain, visited the famous shrines and cathedrals there and in Portugal; his trip across southern France and finally his trip through his beloved Italy.

Some of the tips Father Turco offers prospective travellers are: Learn how to travel; know the customs of the peoples in the lands you intend to visit before you leave; take your time; and, let your curiosity carry you everywhere possible, within reason.

In closing, Father Tuhco showed the members what a splendid chance the college man has for preparing for a tour of the world. He can study couuntries and peoples, so that before he even leaves home, he is probably better informed about things he has never seen than many weary, but unread travellers. What Father Turco impressed on his audience is what many of us have heard before in a different way: "He that would seek the wealth of the Indies, must fare forth with the wealth of the Indies."

The members of the A. P. G. U. have the promise of Father Turco that he will again return and give another travelogue, so that is something to look forward to.

AIR BEACON

The above photo pictures the Standard-Diablo light atop of Mount Diablo. (Cut by courtesy of the Standard Oil Bulletin.)

Military Academy Play on Grand Lake Screen

"Prep and Pep" is all that the title implies—youth, adventure, all of the wholesome humo arnd excitement of prep days. It comes to the Grand Lake Theatre on Saturday for a run of seven days.

It is a breezy story of two boys at a prominent military academy (Culver Military Academy in Culver, Ind.) who have fallen in love with the commandant's daughter, played by the diminutive newcomer to the screen, Nancy Drexel.

You will love these new stars because they play right to your heart. They offer a genuine unsophisticated bit of humor and drama. Pretty Miss Drexel, and those two young blades, David Rollins, whom you admired in the "Air Circus," and John Darrow, put a new interest in the good old prep days.

And on the stage, Milt Franklyn, who so successfully opened his engagement at the Grand Lake Theatre last week, will again demonstrate that there is only one Milt Franklyn, the boy with music, as his realm and he the king, the master musician.

SENIORS HOLD INITIAL MEETING

A meeting of the Senior class was held on Tuesday, January 15, with Vice-President Reeves, presiding.

The possibility of future activities was discussed. Some advocated a week-end trip to Yosemite, others a dance and yet others were in favor of satisfying themselves with an ordinary picnic.

After much discussion a means of obtaining money was hit upon in the form of a dance to be given in the near future. Those appointed on the dance committee were: Massa, chairman; Mullany and Bareilles. In these the class has placed its full confidence.

Something was said, though no action was taken, about having the graduating exercises in front of the chapel, rather than in the Grove. This created a discussion on the relative merits of the beautiful Justin Grove and of the beautiful chapel dedicated to Alma Mater, as suitable settings for commencement exercises.

The meeting was interrupted, though not unpleasantly, by Brother Ralph who came to say a few words of praise to the Senior Class and to show the Seniors how much the faculty depended on them.

Lack of time did not permit further business to be negotiated and the meeting was adjourned with promises of a meeting in the near future to complete all business.

Convent Superior on Business Trip

Mother Maria de la Eucharistia, superior of the Carmelite nuns at the convent in Saint Mary's, has been away for a week or two on business connected with the government of the convent. She will remain in Long Beach, where the Sisters have charge of a small hospital, and may visit Los Angeles.

She plans to return to Saint Mary's in about a month's ttime to resume her duties as superior of the local Sisters, who in her absence are under the direction of Mother Maria Luisa.

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Prominent Alumnus Entertains Varsity

The entire football squad of the Saint Mary's College Varsity were guests at a banquet given in their honor by James B. Smith, Wednesday evening, January 8, at the Elks in San Francisco.

Given By Saint Mary's Alumnus

The affair which is an annual card for the football squad was given by a well-known Saint Mary's Alumnus, James B. Smith. Mr. Smith, now a noted contractor in San Francisco, is a graduate of the Old Brick Pile, and since his graduation he has been a very prominent man in all of the Saint Mary's activities. He is the donator of the James B. Smith Punting Trophy, given to Saint Mary's students and which was won last year by Fred Stennet. Mr. Smith was chairman of the Scrip Drive in San Francisco and he alone purchased a thousand dollars worth of the scrip.

Sport Critics There.

The banquet was a treat to the squad and the men had a chance to hear the leading sport critics of the local news papers speak on Saint Marys. "Slip" Madigan was the center of all the talks and was hailed as the coming coach of the Pacific Coast. Among the leading critics that were present were, Harry Borba, of the San Francisco News; George Davis, of the Bulletin; Franklin Morse, of The Chronicle, and Pat Frayne of The Call. The schedule for the season of '29 was made public at the banquet.

"If you will call at my home, I will gladly pay that little bill I owe you." "Which one?" "But I owe you only one bill." "I meant which home."—Town Topics.

The picture that appeared in a paper the other day of a trick golfer about to drive a ball teed up on a woman's teeth suggests a new use for the "golf widow."—London Punch.

Big universities are losing interest in football. When hick colleges lick you, there's nothing to do but yawn and say it's no game for gentlemen.—Detroit Free Press.

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Saint Mary's Basketball team to meet California Bears on Tuesday, January 22, at the Oakland Auditorium.

SPORTS

Coach Conlon's Basketball team will play the College of Pacific quintet at Stockton tomorrow night.

GAELS FALL BEFORE PACIFIC, 26-17

BEARS AND GAELS WILL MEET IN ANNUAL HOOP GAME NEXT WEEK

Rivalry of Years Will Reach Peak When U. C. Squad and Saint Mary's Meet in Oakland Auditorium Arena Next Week for Contest

The Gaels are in the winning column now and are anxious to hank up a victory over California. California is something of a basketball team and has a wonderful record to date, but it is no secret that the Gaels have been pointing to this game and so head your "puddle jumpers" to the Oakland Auditorium Tuesday night for a great game filled with action.

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Comparative Strength.

Coach Conlan is bringing his men around slowly but expects to have the squad whipped into shape and ready Tuesday to do or die for a victory. The way the Varsity snapped out of it in the Stanford game places them on a level with the Golden Bears and this, by the way, is saying considerable for the Blue and Gold have been taking every body into camp so far in a rather easy manner. Roger Sears is fitting in great at center and though he is more adept as a forward, Coach Conlan shifted him to the pivot position because of his passing and deadly accuracy at sinking the ball from any angle in the court. Captain Corbin, however, due to experience stands out as better than Mulholland, Bill or Sears, but all three of the Saint centers will give him plenty to think about before the contest is over.

Boyle and Captain Ed Tazer at forward stack up with Stevens and Ten Eycke and the game will be largely a story of which of these combinations can find the hoop most frequently. Captain Tazer is better than anything California can offer and Boyle is surprising by his work. He and Tazer make a perfect pair for teamwork and if they're right, California's guards will find difficulty in stopping them. The guards are so closely matched that it is hard to pick any man over the other. Driscoll and Pitchford are working as a unit and will have the Bear forwards shooting from long range. One man will interest Saint Mary's followers and he is Tom Coakley, former Gael. Coakley is playing some fine basketball for California and just how he will behave against his former teammates is questionable. California has a decided advantage in reserve strength but in the cage game reserve strength is not so important as it is in football and if nothing happens to the Gael regulars this advantage won't be so great.

Captains Star.

Captain LaVerne Corbin, all-Coast Center last year is having another good season. To date he has played a steady game and has been responsible for many of California's points. Saint Mary's has Captain Tazer to rely upon and the burdens of generalship seem to aid his already brilliant game. Without doubt he will once more be chosen as the most valuable floorman on the Coast again this year. Tazer and Corbin meet for the last time in Collegiate ball. Keep your eye on Numbers 3 and 13 respectively.

Drawback.

Its all well and good to want to beat California and to take all the glory of victory but to take a defeat due to lack of proper training will be hard for Coach Conlen and Saint Mary's to take. As College men and athletes get in line and give up everything for basketball or give up basketball for other interests—which is it? The student body is proud of the team and is willing to a man—get in and work—BEAT CALIFORNIA!!!

Probable Lineup.

California		Saint Mary's
Stevens	F	Tazer (c)
Ten Eycke	F	Boyle
Corbin (c)	C	Sears
Coakely	G	Driscoll
Gregory	G	Pitchford

S. F. BOYS' CLUB LOSE TO VARSITY CAGERS, 31 TO 19

Tazer and Boyle Star; Subs Get Chance to Show in Slow Game

Captain Eddie Tazer kept the varsity ahead of the S. F. Boys' Club when he shot six baskets to help make the final score 31-19 at Kezar pavilion. For those who saw the Stanford-Saint Mary's game, the S. F. Boys' Club appeared extremely ragged on passes and ringing the hoop.

Subs Get Chance.

Coach Conlan was given an opportunity to use several subs on the court in this game. In past games the squad has been hard pressed throughout the game to get organized on short passes and bringing the ball under the hoop.

Combinations Tried.

"Red" Mulholland, Dick Doyle and gether on the courts until this sea-Eddie Tazer have never worked toson and they are doing creditable work on the new combination.

Roger Sears was given a chance to show his form after his sickness and it won't be long now before his last season stride is hit upon. Tazer, Boyle, Sears and Cruse are all small men in stature for the game of basketball but their speed makes up for their height.

Chas. Smith was the star for the S. F. B. C. copping eight points for his team. The club last year had numerous excellent stars to assist them into the P. A. A. finals, but the boys did not return to play this year for the club.

At half time the score was 11-7 in favor of Saint Mary's squad, after the half the varsity was never passed but held a comfortable lead.

Strong Guards.

Driscoll, Pitchford and Ebding alternating with Hunt makes the worries of the guard position a little easier for Conlan. "Heinie" and "Cal" have been the old stand-bys for several seasons at the guard jobs and have proved they know the score.

"Ink" Bill broke into the scoring column when he replaced "Red" at center. "Ink" and "Red" can be relied upon in a tight game such as will be seen next Tuesday night at the Oakland auditorium.

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Coast Conference Freeze Out Charged

The doom of the Pacific Coast Conference is seen in the agreement reached recently by the Cards, Bears, Troy and Huskies. A schedule has been fixed for a five-year combine.

Within five years the Pacific Coast college football loop will be extinct, split asunder between the northwest and the southwest, and three California universities and probably a fourth California university will make a concerted campaign for annual intersectional recognition,

Report came from Portland of the announcement of what are said to be the schedule of games between California, Stanford, Southern California and Washington.

These dates are arranged from 1929 to 1933, inclusive, and they are the only dates now drawn up by these four institutions. They are the consummation of the football agreement between the "Big Four" made early this fall, and it is charged that they are intended ultimately to "freeze out" all the other present coast conference teams and leave open schedules for intersectional games with the Missouri Valley, Big Ten and eastern teams.

Not only will Oregon, Oregon State, Washington State and the two minor teams — Idaho and Montant — be gradually eliminated from the schedules, but the Washington Huskies are designed for ultimate elimination, the Journal predicts.

The three California universities are only awaiting the time when the University of California at Los Angeles will have become powerful enough to take the place of Washington in the "Big Four," the report says.

When that happens, four California teams will abandon the Coast conference, schedule games with themselves and complete their schedules with whatever team sthey desire to play, intending to map their intersectional games with a view to claiming a national title, it is charged.

The other coast dates are to be given to such teams as the four desire to schedule for home games, to fill out the early season and undesirable dates, it is said. The annual campaign will be planned to offer one or two intersectional contests at midseason or after the annual California-Stanford game.

This is of vital interest to Saint Mary's, as these three California teams are regular opponents each year of the Saints. A change in policy of the leading football teams of the Coast in matters of schedules is certainly going to affect that of the Gaels.

SAINTS IN COMPLETE REVERSAL OF FORM BEFORE PACIFIC ATTACK

Captain Tazer and Heinie Driscoll Unsuccessful in Stemming Tigers; Disbrow Stars for the Visiting Stockton Team at Kezar Auditorium

Keeping pace with the new jersey, the Varsity was completely off color Wednesday night at Kezar Pavilion, and College of Pacific won a rather uninteresting game by the tune of 26-17. Swede Righters' cagers were a bit too clever for the Gaels, who were playing decidedly ragged basketball, and after the first few minutes had chalked up six points. Tazer sunk a long, beautiful shot from past center and the Saints tallied five more points to lead 7-6, but this didn't last long. At half time, Pacific led 14-8.

Tazer Out in Second Period

Captain Ed Tazer did not start the second half. Ed had only found the bucket once during the first half, and even his floor work wasn't up to his standard. It was evident that something was radically wrong, and there was—Tazer should never have played, for he was a pretty sick man. However, when he came back in the fray five minutes before it was over, the Saints made a desperate rally and cut down Pacific's lead, which at one time was 26-11. The rally came a little too late and the Gaels had to be content with a 26-17 defeat.

Close Guarding

The game was rather freakish, in that only three hole shots were chalked up during the course of the contest. Ebding and Sears were the only Gaels able to sneak past the Pacific guards, and Heath was the only Tiger to get by Pitchford and Driscoll. This alone gives some idea of how close guarding played the major role in Wednesday's game. Pacific took many long shots and was finding the hoop from the long range consistently, while Saint Mary's was finding difficulty to advance the casaba down the court. Most of the Gaels' long shots fell short of the basket, and as a result they lost the ball. Pitchford, Driscoll, Hunt and "Dead-Eye" Patterson played good ball and gave a good acount of themselves.

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PHOENIX FAVORED TO RETAIN TITLE

Saint Mary's, the baseball center of the West, will soon start its 1929 season. Indications are strong that the Gaels will retin their baseball laurels which they have held since the memory of man fails us not.

The title, coveted by others, has come to be regarded as a permanent possession, a sort of addition to the school curriculum, and as such, has ellicited to date not more than passing interest from the majority of the student body.

Lost to Stanford.

Interest this season will probably be augumented because of the stiff competition that the Phoenix met with last year. For the first time in many years the Gaels lost their three game series with the Stanford Cardinals, and this, coupled with the hard-fought victories over Santa Clara and California, from which the Saints emerged victorious on the long end

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NATIONAL CAGE STAR WAS PUPIL OF FEENEY

James Lamb, one of the star forwards on the Cook's Painter Boys basketball team, National A. A. U. cage champions, who are here on the coast to combat with the leading coast quintets, was a former pupil of Mr. Feeney, at Rockhurst College and High School, a Jesuit school in Kansas City, Missouri.

Lamb is the smallest man on this championship five of six footers and, according to Mr. Feeney, was a great star and all-Missouri forward at Rockhurst in '26 and '27.

Mr. Feeney, a graduate of Creighton University, in Nebraska, taught at Rockhurst before coming to Saint Mary's and incidentally the forward of the Cook's was a star student of Mr. Feeney.

"PORT" SILVA RETURNS TO PHOENIX LINEUP

Among the veterans returning to the Phoeniz lineup is "Port" Silva, flashy shortstop. Last season he alternated with both Thomas at second and Dondero at short stop. His performance has always been brilliant, and it is expected that he will step into the vacancy left by the graduation of Dondero.

Silva is the type of player that makes for a fighting team, and as such he will find favor in the eyes of the baseball coaches, Larry Bettencourt and Kelly Wales.

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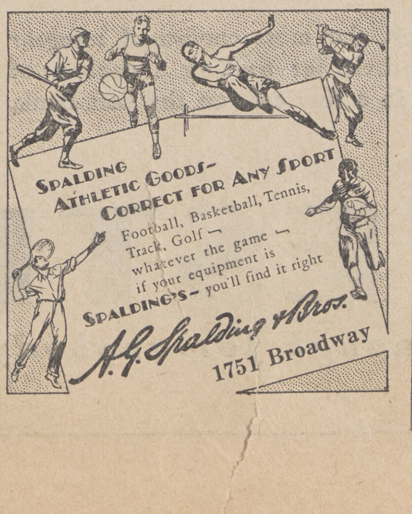

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STRADER COACHES SUCCESSFUL TEAM

Coach "Red" Strader and "Pope" Illia have met with success as gridiron mentors in their first year at Regis College, Denver, Colo. A pair of excellent players, these two men have installed the Saint Mary's system of football, or, in other words, "Slip" Madigan's game.

Every practice session found "Red" and "Pope" ripping up the linemen or throwing the backs into different positions. Most of the squad were new men and lacked the finish required of college stars. After a few weeks the boys were drilling and scrimmaging with a wealth of material for an excellent team.

"Red" saw his team bow to the Haskell Indians by a slim margin. In playing the teams of Loyola, Western State and Chadron, St. Regis College made a creditable showing in every game. Yoyola used everything known to its team, but did not beat the Ranger.

Versatile Attack

Coach Strader and Illia's system gave the Rangers a versatile attack and a powerful defense. Next season's eleven will profit by the past year's experience. Credit can be given to Strader and Illia for accomplishing tne difficult job of installing a new type of play and winning at the same time.

Through many days of hard work, Strader and Illia drilled the fundamentals of the new system into the squad. Next year's eleven meets one of the hardest schedules in Regis College history. As Knute Rockne is justly proud of Coach "Slip" Madigan, at Saint Mary's College, so is the case of "Red" Strader and Illia at Regis College.

GRID STARS ON THE DIAMOND

Stars on the football team are also stars on the baseball squad seems to be a definite fact at Saint Mary's. George Ackerman, "Toots" Kasper and Captain-elect Seghetti of last year's football squad are getting in several practices lately in preparation for the coming baseball season. No doubt they will shine on the diamond as they did on the gridiron.

Kasper was first string catcher on the baseball squad and distinguished himself by his brilliant catching in the Sacramento Coast League-Saint Mary's game last year.

Seghetti plays the outfield and covered first base in perfect style when Rooney was injured last year.

Ackerman was the hero of the Stanford game last year that ended 2-1 when he clouted a homer into the outfield to win the game.

Frosh Cagers Lose to House of Oliver

In a preliminary to the Varsity-San Francisco Boys Club game at Kaezar last Friday night, Coach "Butch" Simas placed the best combination on the floor that the Frosh has produced this year, consisting of: Acting Captain Baird, center; Callen and Mulgrew, forwards; Curran and Krum, guards. Although the House of Oliver defeated them 23-19, after the Frosh were leading 15-11 at the half, Coach Simas accomplished much in finding men for his squad,

The Frosh played a good floor game throughout with Callen and Baird leading the scorers. SCallen made nine points and Baird six. In the second half the team took plenty of shots but could not hit the bucket at all. Preston, and our huge football trainer, Vic Ponti, who made his first appearance on the court, played a good floor game. In the second half Gardner went in at forward for Mulgrew and was replaced by Chamberlain.. Meliscovitch replaced Baird at center.

LARRY BETTENCOURT PLAYING BASEBALL

Larry Bettencourt, Saint Mary's great all-American contribution, will not leave the campus as yet. Larry spent the fall on the coaching staff of Saint Mary's College. His wealth of knowledge of the fundamentals of football and his unparalled ability as a player were invaluable sources of authority to the team, especially as to line play. But Larry's prowess stops not at football, he is one of the greatest ball players to graduate from that cradle of ball players—Saint Mary's. He is at present in the Major Leagues being a member of the St. Louis Browns where he made a great showing last year.

Larry will now help Saint Mary's put another intercollegiate champion aggregation in the Pacific Coast Baseball Intercollegiate Association. With Larry Bettencourt in getting the varsity baseball team into condition, will be "Red" Kress, teammate of Bettencourt on the St. Louis Browns.

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GAEL GRID STARS PARTICIPATE IN EAST-WEST GAME

In the Shriners' annual East-West game, in which only stars of the respective coasts play, Saint Mary's was well represented. Captain Al Tobin and Ike Frankian of last year's Varsity did their part, playing their usual steady game, and Ike outshone some of the East's All-Americans. He played the game that all the students are familiar with, tackling all over the field and, most of all, outguessing the East's best men. His defensive play was the feature of the game, and he conclusively proved to all that attended that he is a true All-American.

Good Tackling

Going down the field under the punts, he completely baffled the defensive halfbacks, and time and time again brought the East's safety man down before he had taken one step. As usual, Frankian made a touchdown after running through the entire Eastern backfield, only to have it called back.

Tobin Good at Tackle

Al Tobin, Saint captain, proved himself a pillar of strength on the left side of the line, where he played next to Frankian. There was no yardage gained on that side of the line, and the East, sensing the situation quickly, ran few plays in their direction. In fact, it became so that, in order to make the tackle, both Tobin and Frankian were forced to go to the other side of the line.

With one game already played with the College of Pacific five, Saint Mary's varsity basketball team will travel to Stockton to again meet the team coached by "Swede" Righter. The game is to be the second one played there Saturday evening. In the first game, two high school teams will meet, and following the college game, the National Champions Cook's Painters, will meet the Stockton Amblers.

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PHOENIX FAVORED

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of the two-to-one series counts, is expected to add a new interest to the sport.

Veterans Back.

Among the veterans that will again be seen in the Phoenix uniform is Joe Rooney, last year's first sacked. Pressing him will be Fisher. Rooney's altitude gives him the ideal build for this position and he is favored to retain possession of the initial sack despite a weakness in handling ground balls which he displaed last year.

The battle at second, according to pre-season dope, will be between Len Thomas of last year's squad and Mulroni, who comes up from the Frosh. There are others out for the bag, however, that may take the play away from them.

Sears Turns Out

Short stop will be one of those triangular affairs, with "Port" Silva, Roger Sears, basketball man, and Neeley of the Frosh, fighting it out.

Silva is given the edge, not because of his varsity experience, but it will not be surprising if Sears lands the steady job. In his high school days "Rajah" played in fast company, with "Red" Kress, short stop for the St. Louis Browns, Foy Frazier, Oakland player and Tierney, another coast leaguer.

Third in Doubt.

At third the situation is in doubt, and if Rady of last year's babes can not keep the pace in varsity competition, it is likely that one of the aspirants for other infield positions may be shifted to third. Simas(catcher, may be used at third base.

Outfield.

Among those reporting for the outfield are Smith, Ackerman and Seghetti of last year's team. "Ink" Bill is ineligible, having played four years of college ball. From the Frosh comes Nick Regus and "Mack" Stennett, football star. Stennett will be a particularly bad man to keep off the first team as his work with the bludgeon was the sensation of last year's Frosh line-up.

It is expected that other stars will be uncovered as the season progresses. In the meantime Kelly Wales and Larry Bettencourt are moulding another pennant-winning team.

Batteries

Coaches Kelly Wales and Larry Bettencourt, former Gaels who will handle the base ball squad this season, will find little to worrq them in the pitching department.

Returning to the squad with one or more year's varsity experience are Clarence Hamilton, big gun of last year's batteriy, Jack O'Keefe, "Red" Conlan, "Chuch" Dana, "Lefty" Rose and Jimmy Cruse. From last year's Frosh, with varsity aspirations, come Pete Matson and Harry Ebding. Ebding is a three-sport man..

Kasper Will Catch.

"Butch" Simas, who alternated on the receiving end with "Toots" Kasper last year, is again in college and raring to go. Kasper, regular catcher last season, will again be found behind the bat, having recovered from an arm injury that threatened to cut short his athletic career. In addition to these there are "Betty" Bates and "Ovie" Overmiller.

Simas May Be Shifted.

Dame Rumor has it that Simas may be shifted to an outfield position. "Butch" is a hard man to keep off of any man's team and his natural versatility makes him valuable in any capacity.

With practice for the batteries already under way, Bettencourt and Wales will give their infield much attention. It is predicted that the opposing teams will suffer a batting slump when facing the Gael pitching staff.

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SPRING PRACTICE UNDER WAY SOON

Winter football practice is scheduled to start on or about February 1, with spring practice following on March 1. Because of the "unusual" weather that is so evident through Moraga Valley, the gridders are getting off to a rather late start but Coach Madigan expects a squad of 70 or 80 men to report as soon as work is begun.

Baseball Field Not Ready

At present the basketball team is holding the center of interest, and as soon as the hoop season is over with, the diamond trotters will turn out. As the proposed baseball fields have not settled as expected and will not be raedy soon enough, the nine will have to use the football field for it's practice. This means an added delay for the prospective football men, but as soon as the baseball squad gets organized, the pigskins will be hauled out of the mothballs and begin another year of use.

Seasoned Squad Expected.

The '28 Gael eleven that gave such a good account of itself lyast year, is losing plenty of good men through graduation; but nearly the entire second squad that was composed mainly of Sophomores, will be back.

Better Accommodations For Team

Candidates for the eleven will be expected to report for spring practice, as men not coming out for this will not be considered next fall. Spring practice this year will be the same as pre-season practice, because the field, the accomodations and the added room will aid the men and coaches in every way. With a good field at their disposal, the men should get in plenty of scrimmage as well as the usal tackling and clipping practice.

COLLEGE OF PACIFIC

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Coach Conlon tried a new combination and, although it didn't seem to function properly, yet it is a good one, and when the boys find themselves it will work great. With Sears at center, Conlon has another sure shot to help Boyle and Tazer. The fellows will get another crack at Pacific Saturday at Stockton, and the change should work a lot better than it did in the first game.

Frosh Game

The Saint Mary's Freshmen defeated the first year men of the College of Pacific, 31-24, in the preliminary tilt. Baird, former Marysville High School star, was high point man with 11.

Varsity Lineup

COLLEGE OF PACIFIC

	Fg.	Ft.	Pts.
Heath, lf.	4	1	9
McArthur, rf.	1	4	6
Disbrow, c.	2	0	4
Shuman, lg.	1	0	2
Russell, rg.	2	1	5
Kline, f.	0	0	5
Crandall, f.	0	0	0
Totals	10	6	26

SAINT MARY'S

	Fg.	Ft.	Pts.
Tazer, lf.	2	0	4
Boyle, rf.	0	0	0
Sears, c.	1	3	5
Driscoll, lg.	1	0	2
Pitchford, rg.	0	0	0
Ebding, f.	1	4	6
Bill, c.	0	0	0
Patterson, g.	0	0	0
Mulholland, c.	0	0	0
Cruse, lf.	0	0	0
Hunt, g.	0	0	0
Totals	5	7	17

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The poet Chapelain's death was due to cold which he contracted through ill-advised economy. On his way to the Academy one wet day, he had to cross a formidable stream running down the Rue Saint Honore. He waded through rather than pay two sous toll to cross on a plank.

Biographical interest of the reading public has been concentrated, within the last month, upon "Elizabeth and Essex," by Lytton Strachey. Seven years have passed since Mr. Strachey gave us his "Queen Victoria." He has now "Not merely come back," says J. C. Squire, "but he has come back with a perfected mastery of his art." His method, according to the same critic, is to take the raw facts of history, and without ever saying anything that is pravably untrue, to make a dramatic prose story out of them with characters acting and reacting, and a climax arriving at the end. Thus the book must be judged as though it were a play in prose. One may take leave to doubt whether it contains nothing that is "provably untrue." Mr. Strachey has never troubled himself much about historical accuracy in matters of detail. His statement, in his new book, that Elizabeth stinted the victuals of the men who defeated the Armada has already been challenged as a hoary legend that has been completely disproved. But of the imaginative and dramatic quality of this biography there can be no question, and Mr. Strachey's artistic success is the more remarkable in that he has pricked the bubble of the old romantic conception of both Elizabeth and Essex and has based his representation on a ruthless realism. And he not only brings out skilfully the dramatic clashings of personal character but has so saturated himself with his subject that he reproduces faithfully the atmosphere and tone of the period. Here is history vivified,—vivified and imaginative.

Instead of calling his article in the last issue of the Yale Review "The Quintessence of Shavianism," as he might easily have done, Mr. St. Pohn Ervine has chosen to call it the "Shavian Belief." Here are some of the tenets of the Shavian credo as revealed by Mr. Ervine:

"In his thirty-four plays, four published novels—a fifth, 'with merciless fitness,' called 'Immaturity,' was never published—two volumes of dramatic criticism, various expository volumes such as 'The Perfect Wagerite' and 'The Quintessence of Ibenism,' sociological works, and general journalism, he has, with unique consistency, preached only one gospel, which is that God, or the life force, is an imperfect power striving to become perfect. If God were omniscient and omnipotent, He would not permit certain horrors in the lives of His children to be or to continue any more than an ordinary human father would tolerate disease in his children if he could prevent it. No parent would willingly allow his son or his daughter to contract epilipsy, or rickets, or tuberculosis, or to be born blind or deaf, or dumb, or mentally deficient. Is it likely that an all-powerful and all-good God would inflict, or allow to be inflicted, upon his creatures, pain and disabilities which a human parent would remove from his children even at the risk of death to himself?

"Unable to reconcile the conception of a beneficient and omnipotent God with the cotninuance among His creatures of every kind of suffering, Mr. Shaw is driven to the belief that God may be all-good but is not all-powerful, and he goes on from that belief to the assumption that God is striving to become all-powerful. The whole of time, he asserts, has been occupied in making experiments with various instruments which He invented to aid Him and His efforts to perfect Himself. He uses these instruments for as long as they are serviceable to Him, and scraps them when they become useless, or worn out with as little compunction as a mason scraps a broken chisel.

"It is a part of the Shavian belief that God eventually discovered that all His instruments were disabled by a common defect—their incapability of apprehending His purpose and their inability to overcome their circumstances and bodily limitations, God thereupon created a new instrument, man, the thinking creature who is able to choose and to decide for himself. This instrument is still on probation, but he insists in thwarting or refusing to assist God in His attempt to become perfect, he, too, as the mammoth beasts have been, may be scrapper. That is the awful warning that Mr. Shaw issues to the world."

One wonders if it is possible that the stupendous G. B. S. can be boiled down to anything as simple as all that? Certainly it is a bit of clever imaginative thinking but it sounds as if Mr. Shaw considers God as the same puny creature as the child does his tin horn.

In "The Making of Literature" (Secker) R. A. Scott-Jones discusses the principles of the criticism of literature and art.—"Contemporary Movements in European Literature (Routledge) edited by Dr. Rose J. Issacs, will be a general survey of twentieth century literature and of the effects upon it of the World War. The various chapters have been contributed by a group of specialists.—The Sphere thinks it 'curious' how frequently the 'good trans-Atlantic novelists' are attracted to the study of the decayed gentlefolk of Europe. It knows no English yriter who is nearly as successful with his American portraits as Henry James, Edith Wharton and Thornton Wilder are with their Europeans. — Heineman's collection of 'Great Short Biographies of the World,' edited by Barret H. Clark, ranges from Socrates to Whistler—Sidney Dark, author of 'Twelve Bad Men, has chosen 'Twelve Perplexing Women' as the title for a forthcoming companion volume to be issued by Hodder.—In discussing what the World War did for writers, John Drinkwater rejects the notion that the powers of any of them were fundamentally enhanced or even significantly influenced by it.

ORINDA CLUB GIVEN GIFT AT CHRISTMAS OF OVER $20,000

The Contra Costa Courier of Walnut Creek informs us that, because the government has found it possible to reduce income and securities taxes, the Orinda Country Club has an even $22,113.33 to spend on improving its clubhouse, grounds, and golf course. That is the total of the Christmas check which the club received from Uncle Sam as a part of the $2,000,000 which has been distributed to California individuals, corporations and estates as a refund on 1928 tax payments.

O. S. C. ESTABLISHES RELIGION COURSES

Last fall a religion course for credit was given for the first time at Oregon State College. It met with such enthusiastic approval that the class necessitated being divided into sections.

Dr. E. W. Warrington, head of the new department, states that it will be continued this semester on a more extensive plan. Instead of a single course, three courses will be offered for one., two and three units respectively.

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OUTLOOKS & INSIGHTS

By Brother Leo

THE TALL BULLY

Years ago small boys, even when several of them were in a group, were annoyed and terrified by the incursion of a big boy with unpleasant manners. Sometimes he took their marbles away from them; always he broke up their games.

Nations, we know, have suffered from the tall bully. The word **tyrant**, originally meaning simply king or ruler, came to have an odious connotation. Why? Because so many tyrants were tyrannical. They took away the goods of their subjects, they spoiled the game of life.

Who is the tall bully today? He is not an individual. He is the crowd, the gang, the mob, "the bunch"; he is "everybody." Mr. Demos we might call him, for he is preeminently a product of democracy.

Mr. Demos is busy in the modern world. He urges people to buy the same things, do the same things, say the same things. Especially he is insistent that they think the same things. He stands in the market-place and shouts, "Don't dare to be different from other people!" And because they have listened to the tall bully and been intellectually cowed by his bull voice, they reach that most ridiculous of all generalizations, that a thing is all right if "everybody" is doing it.

Mr. Demos is busy in the college. He detests young men with either ideas or ideals, and when he runs across a young man with both ideas and ideals Mr. Demos snorts and rumbles like the giant that little Johnny slew. If you try to be yourself, if you question students customs, if you scrutinize popular values, if you refuse to swallow things whole, if you dare to be different, Mr. Demos is after you with murder in his eye. He tells you that you lack college spirit, that you don't "get behind the team," that you must wear the clothes and think the thoughts and commit the follies that are the vogue in colleges generally.

Says Dr. Faunce, President of Brown University: "The tyranny of one man — czar or prince or boss — can be thrown off by revolution. But the tyranny of the crowd is like a clinging fog which dampens and depresses all clear and high endeavor."

LITTLE SKULLS

Recently they had to make some repairs in the cathedral at Basle, in Switzerland, and it became necessary to remove the bones of Erasmus from the tomb where he had lain peacefully for four centuries. What is a humanist's tomb in comparison with a modern heating plant? Poor Erasmus always suffered bitterly from cold, anyway, so we may conjecture that he deemed the cause a worthy one.

Of course scientists of sorts gathered about the tomb like harpies, and after the manner of their tribe they proceeded to measure and weigh and tabulate. They discovered that the brilliant and scholarly Dutchman had a very small head. Indeed, the skull of Erasmus is one of the very smallest of which we have record.

"What a big head and nothing in it!" once exclaimed an irritated nobody by way of courteous and devastating retort. Has the size of the head —or more precisely, the size of the brain — anything to do with mental ability?

Of course it has, but the texture of the brain has more. Some distinguished thinkers—Virchou, for example—had abnormally large heads; but other men illustrious in one way or another for intellectual accomplishments had very small heads. Schiller was one; Tourgenev was another. Once the late Anatole France went into a shop to buy a hat and found nothing small enough to fit him.

Moral: The size of the brain is of less moment than what we do with the brains we have.

WHAT IS INTOLERANCE?

The answer comes from Clive Bell in his recent book, "Civilization": "The essence of intolerance is the exalting of prejudices into principles, and the imposing of them on other people."

Years ago a graduate of Saint Mary's, who should have had more sense, solemnly stated in a public address that any man who smokes cigarettes is degenerate and dishonest. A few years before that an American publicist warned his followers: "Never trust a man who parts his hair in the middle."

Analyze any other expression of intolerance and you will see that it consists in erecting a prejudice into a principle and then, if possible, into a coercive or prohibitory law. And you will further find that groups are more intolerant than individuals.

Rudyard Kipling has obtained an injunction, plus a £100 solatium, against a publishing society which had attributed to him in error a poem appearing in its magazine. We sincerely hope that we will meet with no such difficulty.

There are two ways of treating gossip about other people, and they are both good ways. One is not to listen to it, and the other is not to repeat it.

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:: BOOK REVIEWS ::

A handy volume by an English writer of unexpected force and perspicacity was published June of 1928, "A Handbook of Heresies," by M. L. Cozens (London: Sheed and Ward).

In 100 pages Mr. Cozens says some startling, some meditative, things. We learn, for example, that Protestantism, however it professes to deny the Sacramental System of the Divine Presence, originally attacked the Church's dogma of Grace. Luther's theses of Wittenburg, October, 1513, scattered an old, pernicious doctrine that man was condemned for sins he could not avoid. With energetic men like Calvin and Zwingli, Luther's heresy grew; Luther was kept busy, besides denouncing the Papacy he polluted innumerable tracts against hundreds of lesser leaders, each with a doctrinal theory of his own.

In essay form the author examines all the important heresies, with an appendix for lesser heresies. Like a very wise teacher fascinated with his subject, Mr. Cozens crystallizes into good prose the path of the heresies; it is good teaching, bearing the inexorable fact that Catholicism gives its people one doctrine, judges — and is not judged by—modern thought. A book to read, muse over, and be thankful for.

- - DRAMA - -

"THIS THING CALLED LOVE"

By EDWARD SMIDDY

The question being decided at the President Theatre in the play "This Thing Called Love," is whether marriage is more successful as a business enterprise or as the result of true love. Tom Moore and Kay Hammond finally succeed in proving to their audience that it must be based on love, although they have a hard time doing it.

The plot revolves about the Bertrands, a married couple whose life is temporarily spoiled because of jealousy. Mrsfl. Bertrand's sister, disgusted with the proceedings, enters into a marriage with Tice Collins, a millionaire. The agreement is that a home is to be given each, a salary paid the wife and each may have friends, if they care to.

The idea succeeds admirably until love enters the agreement. A new basis is formed and immediately jealousy appears. A divorce seems inevitable until the wife, Ann, offers to sacrifice her life for that of her husband, Tice. A reconciliation is brought about, and the audience is left to believe that love triumphs in the end.

Tom Moore, the popular screen star, proves himself more pleasing as a stage star and carries the role of Tice Collins in a masterful style. His personality contributes much to his performance.

Kay Hammond, as Ann, is quite charming and one of the best leading actresses to appear under the Duffy banner. She appeared to fit her role quite naturally and provided good support for Mr. Moore.

A word of commendation should be given the remainder of the cast who lent considerable to the high standard of the performance. Irving Mitchell and Charlotte Stevens were very amusing as the newlyweds and afforded the audience many a hearty laugh. Mary Jane Higby, as the gossipy Mrs. Garrett, and Lloyd Howard, as the henpecked Mr. Garrett, provided ample fun also. It would not be fair to pass without a word of compliment for the colorful set provided in the production.

If you are looking for a good comedy, on a par with the best Henry Duffy has presented in the past, don't fail to see Tom Moore in "This Thing Called Love." It is excellent comedy and an amusing picture of life.

A true friend is the man or woman in whose presence you instinctively give your best, and who brings out happy, if I really want the strength all that is good and pure and noble in your heart.

A man who betrays his conscience and his God for the sake of any human creature, will sooner or later betray that same human creature for another.

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EDITORIALS

STUDENT BODY

At this writing The Collegian will have gone to press before the results of Thursday's student body meeting can be reported. Hence it would be unfair to indulge in any undue criticism of student body activities for this semester. The prospect, however, of much definite action is not very good, if we are to judge events by the work of the student body last year. We realize, of course, that legitimate excuses based upon the difficulties of becoming adjusted to the new College exist, but at the same time the indifference frequently exhibited by the officers of the organization restrain our none too sanguine hopes.

It is the business of the men who have been chosen to guide the destinies of the Associated Students to realize that their offices carry more responsibility than honor. It is naturally something of a tribute to a student's ability when he is accorded prominence in organized student affairs, but the tribute may soon be turned into dishonor if the recipients do not merit the confidence placed in them.

The Collegian earnestly hopes that this semester will mark a revival in the affairs of the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College. It is the official organ of the student body and will back to the utmost all student activities. Let us resolve to inject some vitality into student government at this time and prepare the way for the work which future members of the organization will be called upon to do.

COOPERATION NEEDED

Last semester saw the organization of the Debating Society. Some twenty and more men devoted their time in the interest of forming a debating team that could adequately represent the College in intercollegiate debating. The progress made towards this end was accomplished solely through the efforts of the members. Without any coaching whatever, the society held debates each week in the Arts and Letters building. Whether or not the society has made progress no one knows, for the simple reason that there was no one competent enough to judge.

A tentative schedule was arranged with the hope that a team could be well trained for competition during the present semester. However, without any training, the society is hesitant about sending out a team.

Perhaps not enough enthusiasm has been evidenced to warrant the appointing of a debate coach. But if willingness to sacrifice time, and intense interest on the part of the members is an indication of enthusiasm, then surely the society is not asking too much when it calls upon the Administration for support.

This semester should witness the development of student activities. The period of adjustment is past, and action on the part of the students, and especially on the part of the Administration, is necessary if innovations are expected to arise.

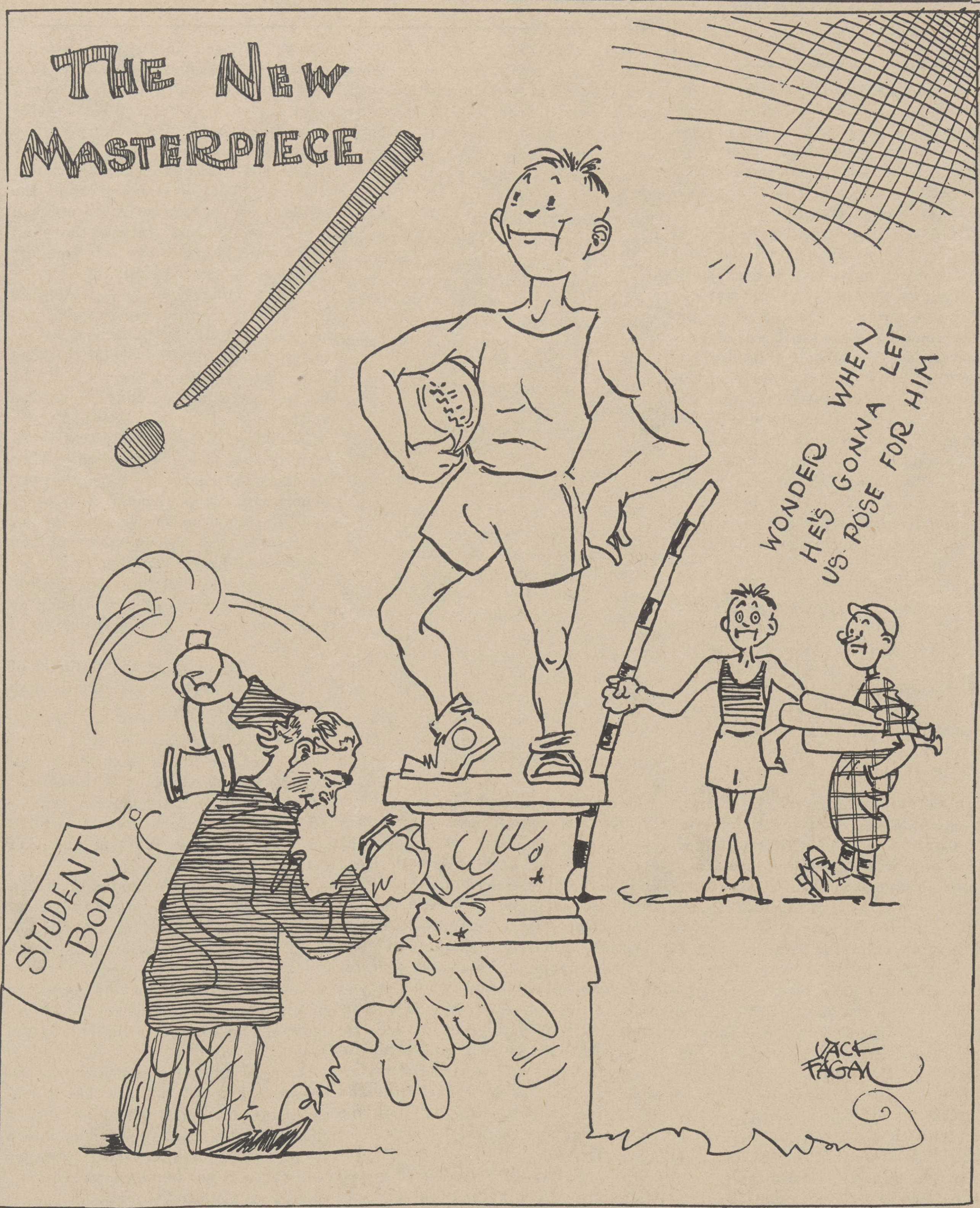
GUEST LECTURERS

In the visit to the Bay region next week of Michael Williams, a fine opportunity is afforded the College of carrying on the practice, more or less neglected since the middle of last semester, of inviting guest lecturers to address the student body. Mr. Williams is a distinguished Catholic citizen, editor of the Commonweal, and would undoubtedly welcome the opportunity of visiting Saint Mary's while staying in California. Even if it were impossible for him to come it would be discourteous on the part of the College not to extend an invitation to him.

Aside from the social obligations involved, the importance of maintaining close and frequent contact with representative men such as Michael Williams cannot be underestimated. Saint Mary's is on the way towards becoming a large college, and the sooner a large college attitude is cultivated, the sooner shall her destiny be fulfilled. In the past there may have been some measure of excuse for neglecting these things, but now thought for the future demands the development and encouragement of activities not practically possible before.

An invitation to the editor of the Commonweal is a step in the right direction and should not be overlooked.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!



TUNNEL PROJECT BOOSTED AS PART OF STATE SYSTEM

Assemblyman Robert F. Easley of Antioch has introduced a measure in the state legislature calling for the inclusion of the present tunnel road from Berkeley to Walnut Creek in the state highway system.

Broadway Tunnel Bill

The proposal for a new tunnel under the present Berkeley tunnel will be placed in bill form and will also be put before the legislature.

The bore, known as the Broadway tunnel, would shorten the distance between Alameda and Contra Costa counties by a mile, eliminating the curves on the present tunnel road.

Tunnel 2700 Feet Long

The tunnel would be approximately 2700 feet long, with a grade of about four per cent. It will be a single bore with two traffic lanes. The cost will be approximately $1,500,000, of which 85 per cent will be borne by Alameda County.

Senator Arthur H. Breed has placed a bill before the legislature to validate the action of Alameda and Contra Costa supervisors to grant a permit for a private toll road and tunnel from Oakland to Moraga Valley.

Gaels Rank 14th in National Football

It seems as though Southern California leads America in football this year, by every process of figuring.

The leaders and the points follow: Southern California 943, California 927, Georgia Tech 924, Detroit 916, Stanford 876, Oregon 824, Washington State 815, Boston College 811, Florida 809, Tennessee 809, New York University 767, Texas 763, Illinois 758, Saint Mary's 754, Georgetown 754, Washington 746, Carnegie Tech 783, Army 727, Wisconsin 724, Nebraska 722, Iowa 721, Minesota 719, Harvard 714, Ohio 711, Princeton 711, Pittsburgh 709, Purdue 712, Michigan 710, West Virginia 710, Notre Dame 706, Yale 704, Southern Methodist 704, Navy 678, Alabama 654.

Lack of College Spirit Prevalent in Colleges

From the various campi in the United States came wails bemoaning the absence of the old spirit which permeated every college and university a score of years ago. Old grads, coming back to their fond alma maters, sense something amiss. Important football games are accepted by the student bodies in a most indifferent manner. This season the most glaring absence of school spirit was shown in the Harvard big game rally at Yale University.

Tad Jones, the Eli mentor, when called upon to speak arose in the huge amphitheatre and was confronted by a countless number of empty seats. The effect was appalling. Here he was standing before a mere handful of students when only a few years before thousands had cheered him and his team, inspiring them and instilling them with that unconquerable desire to give their all.

What has happened? Is it a disease which time will obliterate, taking its customary toll, or is it a phase of evolution; could it be that those hilarious demonstrations which flourished not so long ago are to be regarded as memories, now passe? Some try to explain it by saying that the greatest detriment is the fraternity, which tends to foster selfish desires, and takes that essence from the union of the school, distributing it among the respective houses where the spirit comes in bottles and the pep is used to pop corks.

Chaplain Will Resume Duties at College Soon

Father Bowling, C. S. P., the students' chaplain, returned last Wednesday night from Denver, Colo., where he had been since the closing of school last semester.

Father Bowling left Saint Mary's in the middle of December to assist the pastor of the Holy Family Church in his Christmas obligations.

Denver was Father Bowling's destination for other reasons besides that of a religious duty. He picked this spot to spend his Christmas vacation because his mother resides there and he was thus eager to be with her at this holy season.

Campus Comment

IN RESPONSE TO ALL WHO HAVE INQUIRED

Editor COLLEGIAN:

In response to a letter appearing in the Campus Comment column of the COLLEGIAN last week concerning the purchase of a radio for the lounge room by the Block M Society, I wish to state that the plans of the society will be carried out completely. At present the funds on hand are insufficient and another drive will be necessary in order to meet the quota originally set.

Hoping this information will satisfy your inquirer, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
MALCOLM FRANKIAN,
President the Block M.
January 16, 1929.

PERHAPS THE UNUSUAL COLD SPELL WAS RESPONSIBLE

Editor COLLEGIAN:

This letter is being written to call the attention of the faculty to the fact that "thar's cold in them thar halls." It is the consensus of opinion among the worthy boarders that there is really not enough heat being allowed to go to the individual rooms, and many are the imprecations that fly about as the said gentlemen gather at times to discuss the condition of affairs. But even such words of these will not tend to warm the atmosphere, though they do figuratively, and we earnestly beseech some governing member of the faculty to do something to remedy the situation.

Of course, we may be told, "If you don't like it, you can visit other subterranean regions where the climate is more suitable," but even if some were to take this advice the survivors would yet suffer. So I beseech the faculty, if they were to save many a young man from aspiring to a warmer climate in the hereafter, to please allow a few more pounds of steam to enter the lukewarm radiators in the resident halls.

Sincerely in hope,
J. C.

P. S. Saint Mary's must be Heaven, 'cause there isn't any heat here!

From the Santa Barbara Junior College "Eagle":

"Ods bodkins! 'Tis queer how serious we get at times. We only wish that we could keep in that mood during classes, but:

Lives of great men all remind us
We should make our lives sublime.
And by asking foolish questions
Pass away recitation time.

Passing Thoughts

It sometimes takes more grit and courage to say "no" and mean it, than it does to make a fifty-yard run for a touchdown.

WILL RIDINGS'

WHOOPEE COLUMN

WHY READ IT?

ROLE LEARNS TRUTH

Here we have a photo of Edouard Kelley Spauldink, the designer of the new basketball jerseys worn by our basketball bouncers. This photo was snapped through a key-hole by O. Cinnamon Role, our correspondent plentipotentiary, in getting the inside infor on the question for "Whoopee" readers. Role also tells us that Spauldink designed the outfit for the girls' wrestling team at Vassar. This, he states, consists of pink bloomers, violet waists, yellow socks and green shoes. Role sure looks into things, don't he?

—WC—

The daredevil's wife fell from his airplane and now she's suing him for non-support.

—WC—

American Tragedy.

The man rushed into the parlor waving a six-shooter. The guests screamed. "I'm gonna shoot the man that married my wife," he shouted. And he did. No, it wasn't murder, it was suicide.

—WC—

Dora: Bill made a forward pass this afternoon.

Dot: I told you that you'd have to watch those college boys, dearie.

—WC—

A Problem.

Once in a blue moon the boarders complain of the food they are served; and always some remedy is applied. Will not some champion defend the cause of the three hundred or so students who must eat in the Co-op daily? Why must THEY eat stale snails, dry sandwiches, and be continually reminded that it is a great favor for them to be able to spend their money in the store? Of course I as a writer of the school paper am impartial and I won't even mention the matter . . . Again, why must the commuters ride in air-tight cars every day. The effect is the same as a Turkish bawth. Conductors refuse to open vents in the cars . . . To the first commuter who smashes a window for ventilation purposes the Whoopee column will award a handsome nickle-plated hammer . . . Yesterday we were talking to a pre-med. who intends to be a dentist; he is already saving up his old magazines . . . Hoover has crossed the Equator sixteen times. He also crossed the Mason-Dixon Line.

—WC—

"Oh no, my operation wasn't serious. Just a minor one."

"Sort of an operetta, eh?"

——W.C.——

No End

Howcanyougetacrossthestreetwhen carscomealonglikethis?

——W.C.——

Gal: You look emaciated.

Pal: Yeah, I was emaciated into the "Big M's" last week.

——W.C.——

With the Limelighters

A woman with a personality can get away with anything.—Lady Drummond Hay.

Anybody who wants a divorce steadily for six months ought to have it.—Heywood Broun.

A cold bath in the morning is in many cases a short-cut to the grave. —Arthur Brisbane.

Aethism is by several howls the most fervent cult in the United States. —Charles W. Ferguson.

Football is the only thing really well taught in American colleges today.